



Public Transportation Division

Chinese Ministry of Transport Delegation Visits N.C.



On Jan. 26, 2016, 21 Chinese delegates began their visit to North Carolina with NCDOT. At NCDOT, they were greeted by Deputy Secretary for Transit Keith Weatherly and heard presentations from Alena Cook (Transportation Planning Branch), Lauren Blackburn (Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Division) and Debbie Collins (Public Transportation Division). Secretary Tennyson joined the delegation to answer questions and pose for a picture.

Presentations and tours were planned at three urban transit systems:

- GoTriangle made a presentation on fixed guideway planning, particularly as it pertains to the Durham Orange Light Rail project;
- GoRaleigh made presentations on transit operations/planning, bicycle planning and gave a tour of the GoRaleigh LEED Platinum Facility; and
- Charlotte Area Transit System made presentations on their organization, MPO and comprehensive transportation planning, CATS transit system corridor plan, and bicycle and pedestrian planning and gave a tour of the South Corridor light rail facility.

The Public Transportation Division is grateful for the participants' time and commitment, making this a wonderful experience for our visitors.





PTD Activities Underway

February Training:

- Hosted Chinese Delegation
- FTA Bi-Annual Meeting
- Site Visits offering technical assistance
- Building PTD's Success Plan
- FTA Civil Rights Webinars

Meetings Attended:

- NCPTA Board Meeting
- NCAMPO Board Meeting
- AASHTO Washington brief presentation
- Presentation to House Select Committee: Transit and Aviation
- Transit Advisory Board meetings
- DHHS Transportation Initiative Hospital providers meeting
- Ferry Study Committee meeting
- I-40 Mitigation

Upcoming:

- FTA State Programs meeting for Region IV

Calendar of activities underway:

- The State Management Plan (SMP) is in final review. PTD will hire a part-time temporary employee to create internal and external procedures to support SMP.
- PTD staff is working on subrecipient Success Plans for FY 17.
- Initiating work on scopes for: Transit Operations Planning course; 2CFR200 training; Johnston County Feasibility study; and Plans for McDowell County, Cumberland County, Yadkin Valley, and InterCounty Regional Public Transportation Authority.
- Drug and Alcohol Management Information System (DAMIS) reports are being submitted to FTA by community transportation systems.
- Drug and Alcohol manager and Drug and Alcohol reasonable suspicion training to be held in March.
- Funding Study alternatives/implementation planning – finalized the two plans and working on strategies to present and roll out.
- Training staff on their roles and responsibilities in our new tiered planning process.

New Directors Peer Meeting coupled with Rural Meeting

PTD staff welcomed new directors in our subrecipient agencies at a meeting on Jan. 20. All PTD staff members introduced themselves. After a presentation on expectations, we listened to learn how we can help them now and what would've made their transition easier.

That afternoon, we also met with rural providers in large urbanized areas (UZAs) to talk about what is on the horizon in meeting their funding needs.